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In re the Application of:

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DECOMPOSABLE SUBSTANCE

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PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1)

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449, which references were cited in an Office Action dated October 20, 2009 in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-013848. A copy of the listed references, Japanese Office Action and translation of part of the Japanese Office Action is attached.

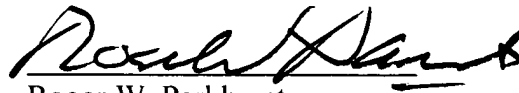
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